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The U. S. Army Field Band of Washington, D. C., will play a free public concert in the Montana State University Field House at 8 p. m. on May 9, according to Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis and Lt. Col. M. F. Moucha of MSU. They are the respective heads of the MSU Public Exercises Committee and the University Army ROTC Department, sponsors of the program in conjunction with the Department of the Army.

The fast-moving program will be directed by Maj. Robert L. Bierly, commanding officer and conductor of the 100-piece band. Popular music will be included with classical and military numbers.

The band was organized in 1946 as the Army Ground Forces Band. In 1950 it was redesignated the U. S. Army Field Band of Washington, D. C., with the mission of giving the finest of live music to soldiers in the field and to civilians throughout the United States, Maj. Bierly said.

He noted that the band has played in all 50 states and in 15 European countries and has given 35 concerts in the Orient.

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